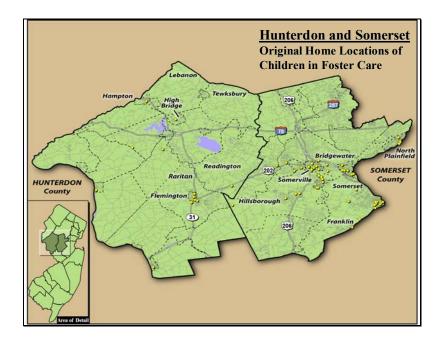


This map shows where child abuse and neglect was alleged to have occurred in the two counties during 2001. The size of the bubble represents the number of reports for a specific location, such as an apartment building or a residential program.

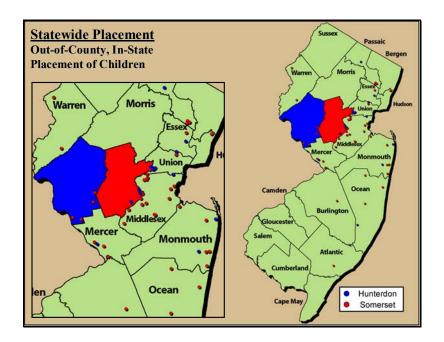
In Hunterdon County, which ranked seventeenth in the state for the number of abuse/neglect referrals per 1,000 children (12.5 per 1,000), the greatest number of child abuse and neglect allegations occurred in Flemington (88), Hampton (32) and Readington (29).

In Somerset County, which ranked fifteenth in the state for alleged child abuse and neglect per 1,000 children (14.3 per 1,000), Franklin Township (204), Somerville (148), Hillsborough (140) and Bridgewater (124) had the highest numbers of alleged incidents of child abuse and neglect.



As of June 2003, a total of 115 children from Hunterdon and Somerset counties are in foster care. Sixty-six percent of these children are from Somerset County (76), with 46 percent of Somerset County children coming from Franklin Township (20) and Somerville (15).

In Hunterdon County, 39 children are in foster care with 39 percent coming from Flemington (15).



As of June 2003, a little over 59 percent of the 115 children in foster care from these two counties have been placed in foster homes located outside their own county. The majority of these children were placed in foster homes in Central Jersey.

Hunterdon County has close to 62 percent of its children placed in out-of-county foster homes (24 children). Nearly 46 percent of those out-of-county placements are in Union (8) and Somerset (3) counties.

Somerset County placed 58 percent (44) of its children in out-of-county foster homes. Fifty percent of those children were placed in Middlesex (11), Monmouth (6), and Hunterdon (5) counties.